



# **Survey of the Bible**



# **Part 1: The Old Testament**

## **Why Study the Old Testament?**

The objections to studying the Old Testament:

“It’s so insignificant.”

“It’s so irrelevant.”

“It’s so inconsistent.”

“It’s so incomprehensible.”

The opportunity of studying the Old Testament:

“It is so invaluable!”

## **The Three Divisions of the Old Testament**

1. The story about God’s people  
Genesis - Esther
2. The writings of God’s people  
Job - Song of Solomon
3. The prophets from among God’s people  
Isaiah - Malachi

## **The 39 Books of the Old Testament**

### **Genesis**

#### **Beginnings**

The beginning of the world - 1:1-25

The beginning of the human race - 1:26-2:25

The beginning of sin in the world- 3:1-7

The beginning of the promise of redemption - 3:8-24

The beginning of family life - 4:1-15

The beginning of a man-made civilization - 4:16-9:29

The beginning of the nations of the world - 10,11

The beginning of the Hebrew race - 12-50

- ❖ Creation (1-2)
- ❖ The Fall (3-4)
- ❖ The Flood (5-9)
- ❖ Babel (10-11)
- ❖ The Call of Abraham (12-38)
  - The Abrahamic Covenant

- Land
- Seed
- Blessing
- God wanted a chosen people:
  - To whom He would entrust the Holy Scriptures
  - To be His witnesses to the other nations
  - Through whom the promised Messiah would come
- The Patriarchs  
Abraham Isaac  
Jacob  
Joseph
- ❖ The Descent Into Egypt (39-50)

## **Exodus**

### **“The Way Out”**

- ❖ The Bondage (1:1-22)
- ❖ Moses and Miracles (3-11)
- ❖ The Passover (12)
- ❖ The Exodus (13-19)
- ❖ The Law (20-24)
- ❖ The Tabernacle (25-40)



## **Leviticus**

### **The Laws**

“Get Right”, say the offerings. There are five of them: burnt, meal, peace, sin, trespass.

“Stay Right”, say the feasts. There are eight of them: Sabbath, Passover, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, The Sabbath Year, and Jubilee.  
In Genesis man is ruined, in Exodus man is redeemed, and in Leviticus man is worshipping God.

- ❖ The Offerings (1:1-6:7)
- ❖ The Priest (8-10)
- ❖ The Feasts (23)

# **Numbers**

## **Wilderness Wandering**

- ❖ Preparation for the Journey (1-12)
- ❖ Wilderness Wandering (13-20)
- ❖ On to Canaan (21-36)

# **Deuteronomy**

## **Second Law (Restating the Law for the new generation)**

- ❖ Moses' first address: "Looking Back" (1-4)
- ❖ Moses' second address: "Looking Up" (5-26)
- ❖ Moses' third address: "Looking Out" (27-33)

# **Joshua**

## **Conquest**

- ❖ Conquest of the promised land (1-2)
- ❖ Occupation of the promised land (13-24)

# **Judges**

## **Cycle of Sin**

- ❖ Rebellion
- ❖ Ruin
- ❖ Repentance
- ❖ Restoration
- ❖ Rest
- ❖ Relapse

## **Ruth**

### **A Story of Redemption**

- ❖ From Emptiness to Fullness (1)
- ❖ From Despair to Hope (2-3)
- ❖ From barrenness to inheritance (4)



## **I Samuel**

### **Kingship**

- ❖ Samuel's Call (1-3)
- ❖ The Ark is Captured (4-6)
- ❖ Israel's Cry for a King (7)
- ❖ Saul is Chosen (8-15)
- ❖ David is Called (16-31)

## **II Samuel**

### **House of David**

- ❖ David's Rise (1-10)
- ❖ David's Fall (11-20)
- ❖ David's Last Days (20-24)

## **I Kings**

### **The Division of the Kingdom**

- ❖ David's Death (1-2)
- ❖ Solomon's Reign (2-11)
- ❖ The Kingdom Divided (12-16)
- ❖ Elijah's Ministry (17-22)

## **II Kings**

### **The Collapse of the Kingdom**

- ❖ Elijah's Final Ministry (1-2)
- ❖ Elisha's Ministry (3-9)
- ❖ Corruption and Captivity of Israel (Northern Kingdom) (1-17)
- ❖ Captivity of Judah (Southern Kingdom) (13-25)

## **I Chronicles**

### **A Spiritual View of History**

- ❖ The Genealogies (1-9)
- ❖ Saul's End (10)
- ❖ David's Kingdom (11-21)
- ❖ David's Temple Ritual (22-29)

## **II Chronicles**

### **A Spiritual View of History II**

- ❖ Solomon's Reign (1-9)
- ❖ The Division of the Kingdom (10)
- ❖ The History of Judah to the Exile (11-36)
- ❖ The Captivity and Epilogue (36)

## **Ezra**

### **The Return to Jerusalem**

- ❖ The Return with Zerubbabel (1-2)
- ❖ The Rebuilding of the Temple (3-6)
- ❖ The Return with Ezra (7-8)
- ❖ The Reforms of Ezra (9-10)

## **Nehemiah**

### **The Rebuilding of Jerusalem**

- ❖ Walls Repaired (1-7)
- ❖ Worship Restored (8-13)

## **A Quick Look At The Old Testament**

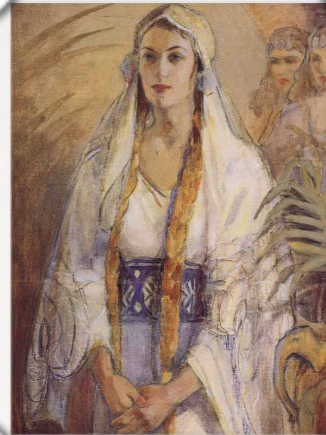
### **Genesis – Nehemiah**

- I. The Period of the Patriarchs: Adam – Moses (Genesis)
- II. The Period of Great Leaders: Moses – Saul (Exodus – I Samuel)
- III. The Period of Kings: Saul – The Babylonian Captivity (Samuel, Kings, Chronicles and Prophetical Books)
- IV. The Period of Foreign Kings: Captivity – The Coming of Christ (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Ezekiel, Daniel)

## **Esther**

### **A Story of God's Sovereignty**

- ❖ Rejection of Vashti (1)
- ❖ Crowning of Esther (2)
- ❖ Plotting of Haman (3-4)
- ❖ Courage of Esther (5)
- ❖ Deliverance of the Jews (6-10)



## **The Writings From Among God's People**

## **Job**

### **Hard Question From a Hurting Saint**

- ❖ Satan and the Saint (1-2)
- ❖ The Saint and His So-Called "Friends" (2-37)
- ❖ The Saint and His Savior (38-42)

## **Psalms**

### **The Book of Praise**

- ❖ Psalms that deal with man (1-41)
- ❖ Psalms that deal with Israel (42-72)
  - Her ruin (42-49)
  - Her Redeemer (50-60)
  - Her redemption (61-72)
- ❖ Psalms that deal with the sanctuary (73-89)
- ❖ Psalms that deal with the earth (90-106)
- ❖ Psalms that deal with the Word of God (107-150)

## **Proverbs**

### **Rules for Life**

- ❖ Counsel for young men (1-10)
- ❖ Counsel for all men (11-20)
- ❖ Counsel for kings and rulers (21-31)

## **Ecclesiastes**

### **The Thinking of Natural Man**

- ❖ The Emptiness of Godless Living Stated (1:1-3)
- ❖ The Emptiness of Godless Living Proven (1:4-3:22)
- ❖ The Emptiness of Godless Living Expanded (4:1-12:8)
- ❖ Conclusion Reached (12:9-14)

## **Song of Solomon**

### **A Love Song**

- ❖ Shows Us the Love of the Bridegroom for the Bride
- ❖ Shows Us the God's Love for Israel
- ❖ Shows Us Christ's Love for the Church



# The Prophets From Among God's People

- Written during the “dark ages” of Israel.
- Spanned 500 years from the 10<sup>th</sup> century to the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
- Four Major Prophets and Twelve Minor Prophets (based on length)
- The Prophets give us God's commentary on the history of Israel.

## The Prophets and Their Age

Prophet	Message	Period
Amos Hosea Jonah	Divine punishment follows persistent sin God's love for Israel Nineveh, repent! God's concern for Gentiles.	To Israel before fall of the northern kingdom, 722 B.C.
Joel Obadiah Isaiah Micah	The day of the Lord and judgment of nations Doom upon Edom. The coming Savior and Israel's King Bethlehem's King and kingdom.	To Judah during her declining years.
Jeremiah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah	Jerusalem's judgment and coming glory Doom on Nineveh and Assyria The Lord's kingdom and people will triumph Remnant rescued for blessing.	To Judah in her last years, 634 - 606 B.C.
Daniel Ezekiel	The times of the Gentiles and Israel's Kingdom Future restoration of Israel and the land.	To exiles in Babylon, 606-538 B.C.
Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Restoration of temple and kingdom foretold Messiah the Branch and King-Priest Final judgment and warning to the nation	To restored community, 538 - 400 B.C.

## The Major Prophets

### Isaiah (To the Southern Kingdom)

#### The Lord Saves

- ❖ Condemnation (1-39) – The Assyrians Conquer
- ❖ Consolation (40-66) – The Remnant Returns Home

## **Jeremiah (To the Southern Kingdom)**

### **The Lord Appoints**

- ❖ The Call of Jeremiah (1)
- ❖ Prophecies Before the Fall of Jerusalem (2-38)
- ❖ Prophecies After the Fall of Jerusalem (39-52)

## **Lamentations**

### **Funeral Poems**

- ❖ Five Poems
- ❖ Chapters 1,2, and 4 all have 22 verses. Each verse begins with one of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Chapter 3 (poem 3) has three verses for each letter for a total of 66 verses.
- ❖ Chapter 5 (poem 5) has 22 verses but they are not in alphabetical order.

## **Ezekiel (To the Exiles in Babylon)**

### **The Lord Strengthens**

- ❖ God Calls Ezekiel (1-3)
- ❖ God's Judgment Against Judah (4-24)
- ❖ God's Judgment Against the Nations (25-32)
- ❖ The Restoration of God's People (33-48)

## **Daniel (To the Exiles in Babylon)**

### **The Lord is My Judge**

- ❖ The Personal History of Daniel (1-6)
- ❖ The Prophetic Ministry of Daniel (7-12)



# The Minor Prophets

## Hosea (To the Northern Kingdom)

### Salvation

- ❖ The Picture of Israel's Unfaithfulness (1-3)
- ❖ The Proclamation of Israel's Sins (4-7)
- ❖ The Pronouncement of Israel's Judgment (8-10)
- ❖ The Promise of Israel's Restoration 11-14)

## Joel (To the Southern Kingdom)

### The Day of The Lord

- ❖ The Plague and the Warning (1)
- ❖ The Fast and the Promise (2)
- ❖ The Blessing and the Future (3)

## Amos (To the Northern Kingdom)

### Burden

- ❖ Amos Looks Around – Judgment on the Nations (1-2)
- ❖ Amos Looks Within – Judgment on God's People (3-6)
- ❖ Amos Looks Ahead – Visions of Destruction and Ultimate Restoration

## Obadiah (To the Southern Kingdom)

### Doom and Deliverance

- ❖ The Doom of Edom (vs. 1-16)
- ❖ The Deliverance of Israel (vs. 17-21)



## **Jonah (To the Northern Kingdom)**

### **God Cares For the Gentiles**

- ❖ Jonah's Resistance (1)
- ❖ Jonah's Repentance (2)
- ❖ Assyria's Revival (3)
- ❖ Jonah's Rebellion (4)



## **Micah (To the Northern and Southern Kingdoms)**

### **Listen to the Lord**

- ❖ Sermon #1: Judgment is Coming (1-2)
- ❖ Sermon #2: The Deliverer is Coming (3-5)
- ❖ Sermon #3: Trust the Lord Today (6-7)

## **Nahum (To the Southern Kingdom)**

### **Comfort for Judah**

- ❖ God is Jealous: Nineveh Will Fall (1)
- ❖ God is Judge: Nineveh's Will Be Final (2)
- ❖ God is Just: Nineveh Deserves to Fall (3)

## **Habakkuk (To the Southern Kingdom)**

### **Honest Questions for God**

- ❖ Habakkuk's Complaint (1)
- ❖ God's Reply (2)
- ❖ Habakkuk's Song (3)

# Zephaniah (To the Southern Kingdom)

## God Desires to Change Hearts

- ❖ God Will Judge Judah (1:1-2:3)
- ❖ God Will Judge the Nations (2:4-4:7)
- ❖ God Will Restore His People (3:8-20)

# The Prophets After The Return From Exile

## Haggai

### Rebuild the Temple

- ❖ Stop Putting Yourself Ahead of the Lord (1:1-15)
- ❖ Stop Looking Back Instead of Looking Ahead (2:1-9)
- ❖ Stop Failing to Confess Sin (2:10-19)
- ❖ Stop Failing to Trust God (2:20-23)

## Zechariah

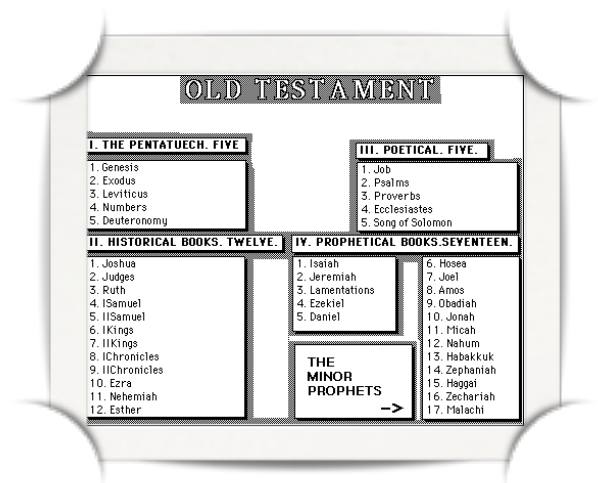
### God's Will Not Forget His People

- ❖ Israel's City (Jerusalem) will be restored to peace and glory. (1-8)
- ❖ Israel's King (Jesus) will be slain for the sins of His people and will triumph over His enemies. (9-14)

## Malachi

### God's Messenger

- ❖ The Sins of the Priests (1-2:9)
- ❖ The Sins of the People (2:10-3:18)
- ❖ Things to Come (3-4)



# The Time Between The Old And New Testaments

- ❖ 400 years
- ❖ The Old Testament is translated into Greek (Septuigant)
- ❖ Antiochus, the King of Syria seized Palestine
- ❖ Jews were forbidden to worship in the temple, forced to eat swine and many were persecuted and murdered.
- ❖ The Maccabees revolt against Antiochus and ultimately win the victory.
- ❖ In 63 B.C. Rome takes possession of Palestine.

## Part Two: The New Testament

### Three Primary Divisions:

1. The Story of the New Testament  
60% of the New Testament  
Matthew – Acts
2. The Letters of the New Testament  
The next 21 books  
Romans – Jude
3. The Conclusion of the New Testament  
Final Book  
Revelation

### Matthew Jesus is King

- ❖ Introduction of the King (1-4:11)
- ❖ Proclamation of the Kingdom (4:12-7:29)
- ❖ The Power and Mission of the Kingdom (8:1-10:42)
- ❖ Questioning of the Kingdom (11:1-13:52)
- ❖ Opposition to the Kingdom (13:52-18:35)



- ❖ Reception and Rejection of the Kingdom (19-25)
- ❖ Victory of the King (26-28)

## **Mark**

### **Jesus is the Servant of God**

- ❖ The Servant's Ministry in Galilee (1-9)
- ❖ The Servant's Journey to Jerusalem (10)
- ❖ The Servant's Last Week of Ministry (11-15)
- ❖ The Servant's Victory (16)

## **Luke**

### **Jesus is the Son of Man**

- ❖ The Introduction of the Son of Man (1-4:13)
- ❖ The Son of Man in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
- ❖ The Son of Man in Judea (9:51-13:21)
- ❖ The Son of Man in Perea (13:22-19:27)
- ❖ The Son of Man in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53)

## **John**

### **Jesus is the Son of God**

- ❖ The Great Prologue (1:1-18)
- ❖ Public Ministry (1:19-12:50)
- ❖ Private Ministry (13-17)
- ❖ Suffering and Death (18-19)
- ❖ Victory Over Death (20-21)



## **Acts Witnesses**

- ❖ The Witness of the Church in Jerusalem (1-7)
- ❖ The Witness of the Church in Judea and Samaria (8-9)
- ❖ The Witness of the Church to the Ends of the Earth (10-28)

## **The Letters of The New Testament**

Why Letters?

- The Church is reproducing
- The Church is relational

Two Groups of Letters:

1. Pauline (Romans – Philemon)
2. General (Hebrews – Jude)

Facts about Paul:

He wrote 13 New Testament letters ordered from longest to shortest.

Nine of his letters were written to churches and four were written to individuals.

Paul had a Hebrew heritage...

A Greek education....

He was a Roman citizen....

And he converted to Christ around 33 A.D.

## **Paul's Missionary Journeys**

- ❖ First (48-49)
  - 1400 miles
  - Letter to Galatians
- ❖ Second (49-52)
  - 2800 miles
  - Letters 1 and 2 to Thessalonians
- ❖ Third (53-57)
  - 2700 miles
  - Letter to Romans and 1,2 Corinthians
- ❖ Prison in Caesarea by the Sea (58-60)
- ❖ Trip to Rome (60-61)
- ❖ Imprisoned in Rome (61-63)
  - Letters to Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon



- ❖ Final Ministry and Imprisonment
  - Pastoral Epistles – I-II Timothy, Titus



## Romans

### The Righteousness of God

- ❖ The Need for Righteousness (1-3)
- ❖ God's Provision of Righteousness (3-8)
- ❖ Israel's Rejection of God's Righteousness (9-11)
- ❖ The Practice of Righteousness (12-16)

## I Corinthians

### The Wisdom of the Cross

- ❖ Corrections in Christian Conduct (1-11)
- ❖ Instructions in Christian Conduct (12-16)

## II Corinthians

### Reconciliation in the Body of Christ

- ❖ Paul Explains His Ministry (1-5)
- ❖ Paul Exhorts the Church (6-9)
- ❖ Paul Vindicates His Apostleship (10-13)

## **Galatians**

### **The True Gospel**

- ❖ Grace and the Gospel (1-2)
- ❖ Grace and the Law (3-4)
- ❖ Grace and the Christian Life (5-6)

## **Ephesians**

### **Life “In Christ”**

- ❖ Doctrine: The Believer’s Blessings in Christ ( 1-3)
- ❖ Duty: The Believer’s Behavior in Christ (4-6)

## **Philippians**

### **Joy in Christ**

- ❖ Joy in Living Like Christ (1)
- ❖ Joy in Serving Like Christ (2)
- ❖ Joy in Fellowship With Christ (3)
- ❖ Joy in God’s Riches in Christ (4)

## **Colossians**

### **The Supremacy of Christ**

- ❖ Christ’s Supremacy Declared (1)
- ❖ Christ’s Supremacy Defended (2)
- ❖ Christ’s Supremacy Displayed (3-4)

## **I Thessalonians**

### **Jesus is Coming Again**

- ❖ Thankfulness for how the church was born (1)

- ❖ Thankfulness for how the church was nurtured (2)
- ❖ Thankfulness for how the church was established (3)
- ❖ Encouragement to walk worthy (4-5)

## **II Thessalonians**

### **Jesus is Coming Again**

- ❖ Encouragement in Suffering (1)
- ❖ Enlightenment about the Day of The Lord (2)
- ❖ Establishment in Christian Living (3)

## **I Timothy**

### **Instructions to a Young Pastor**

- ❖ About the Church and It's Message (1)
- ❖ About the Church and It's Members (2-3)
- ❖ About the Church and It's Minister (4)
- ❖ About the Church and It's Ministry (5-6)

## **II Timothy**

### **Final Words to a Young Pastor**

- ❖ Paul Speaks Pastorally to Timothy (1)
- ❖ Paul Speaks Practically to Timothy (2)
- ❖ Paul Speaks Prophetically to Timothy (3)
- ❖ Paul Speaks Personally to Timothy (4)



## **Titus**

### **Grace Leads to Godliness**

- ❖ Organizing the Church (1)
- ❖ Following Christ (2-3)

## **Philemon**

### **Forgiveness**

- ❖ Paul's Appreciation for Philemon (vs. 1-7)
- ❖ Paul's Appeal for Onesimus (vs. 8-17)
- ❖ Paul's Assurance of Payment (vs. 18-25)

## **Hebrews**

### **Jesus is Superior**

- ❖ A Superior Person: Christ (1-6)
- ❖ A Superior Priesthood (7-10)
- ❖ A Superior Principle: Faith (11-13)

## **James**

### **Faith in Action**

- ❖ Stand With Confidence (1)
- ❖ Serve With Compassion (2)
- ❖ Speak With Care (3)
- ❖ Submit With Contrition (4)
- ❖ Share With Concern (5)

## **I Peter**

### **God's Grace is Enough**

- ❖ God's Grace in Salvation (1-2:10)
- ❖ God's Grace in Submission (2:11-3:12)
- ❖ God's Grace in Suffering (3:13-5:11)

## **II Peter**

### **Growing in Grace and Knowledge**

- ❖ Grow in His Grace (1:1-11)
- ❖ Look Forward to His Coming (1:12-21)

- ❖ Trust in His Judgment (2)
- ❖ Cling to His Word (3)

## **I John**

### **Know That You Have Eternal Life**

- ❖ The Test of Fellowship: God is Light (1-2)
- ❖ The Test of Sonship: God is Love (3-5)

## **II John**

### **Walk in the Truth**

- ❖ Practice the Truth (1-6)
- ❖ Protect the Truth (7-11)

## **III John**

### **Hospitality**

- ❖ Gaius – A Prosperous Christian (1-8)
- ❖ Diotrephes: A Proud Christian (9-10)
- ❖ Demetrius: A Pleasant Christian (11-12)

## **Jude**

### **Contend for the Faith**

- ❖ The Aim of the Letter (1-4)
- ❖ The Argument of the Letter (5-16)
- ❖ The Admonition of the Letter (17-25)

## **Revelation**

### **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**

- ❖ The Things That You Have Seen (1)
- ❖ The Things That Are (2-3)
- ❖ The Things Yet To Come (4-22)

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